

OCTOBER 2019

# LINE OF DUTY DEATH REPORT

FULL BIOGRAPHIES, INCIDENT DETAILS, AND TRIBUTES FOR EACH OF THESE FALLEN HEROES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE OFFICER DOWN MEMORIAL PAGE AT [WWW.ODMP.ORG](http://WWW.ODMP.ORG).

**7** LODDs

THIS MONTH

**102** LODDs

YEAR-TO-DATE

**27%**  
**DECREASE\***

*\*Jan-Oct 2019 vs Jan-Oct 2018*

## CAUSES OF DEATH YEAR-TO-DATE

 GUN    AUTO    HEART    OTHER

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The monthly United States Line-of-Duty Deaths Report is a joint publication of the **International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)** and the **Officer Down Memorial Page (ODMP)**. IACP and ODMP are committed to honoring fallen law enforcement officers while also raising awareness about line-of-duty deaths, including related trends and causal factors.



The IACP is the world's largest professional organization for police leaders. The IACP's Center for Officer Safety and Wellness offers a host of resources related to officer health, mental and physical wellness, tactical safety, and more. Learn more at <https://www.theiacp.org/topics/officer-safety-wellness>.



ODMP is dedicated to honoring the memory of law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty. Through its online memorial and reflection pages, ODMP pays lasting tribute to the more than 20,000 officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Learn more at [www.ODMP.org](http://www.ODMP.org).

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## GUNFIRE

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**Deputy Sheriff Brian Ishmael** (El Dorado County Sheriff's Office, California) was shot and killed while responding to a call reporting the theft of marijuana plants in the area. The operator of the marijuana grow had observed several individuals stealing from the plant. Deputy Ishmael and an off-duty deputy from San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office located the suspects and exchanged fire. Deputy Ishmael was pronounced deceased at the scene.

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## AUTO RELATED

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**Trooper Peter R. Stephan** (Florida Highway Patrol) was killed in a single-vehicle crash, while responding to assist another trooper. His patrol car left the roadway as he entered a curve and overturned before striking a utility pole. Trooper Stephan succumbed to his injuries at the scene.

**Deputy Sheriff Jacob Otto Allmendinger** (Gallatin County Sheriff's Office, Montana) was struck and killed by his patrol car. He and another deputy were responding to call of a stranded motorist, when his patrol vehicle started to slide backwards on ice. Deputy Allmendinger attempted to exit the vehicle as it continued to slide downhill and became trapped underneath.

**Deputy Sheriff Matthew Ryan Jones** (Falls County Sheriff's Office, Texas) was struck and killed by a vehicle while assisting a disable motorist on the highway. The vehicle that struck Deputy Jones, hydroplaned on the wet road and struck him and another officer

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## DUTY RELATED

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**Agent Robert Hotten** (United States Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection, U. S. Border Patrol) was found unresponsive with a head injury during a search for seven suspected undocumented individuals in the area. The department suspects he fell from a rock due to the remote and rugged nature of the area. Agent Hotten was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

**Captain Albert E. Torres** (Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, California) suffered a fatal heart attack while patrolling areas affected by the Saddleridge Fire. Captain Torres had completed a 14-hour shift of patrolling parking lots and remote area in the evacuation zones in the San Fernando Valley. He collapsed on-duty and was transported to a local hospital, where was pronounced deceased the following morning.

**Detention Officer Gene Lee** (Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, Arizona) succumbed to injuries sustained when he was assaulted by an inmate. The inmate grabbed him by the neck and swept his legs from below him, causing a severe head injury when his head struck the concrete floor.